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The Lord Jesus clearly said, "I will come again" ([John 14:3](#)). In His parable of the absent king who returned to have a reckoning with the servants for whom he gave "talents," the Lord effectively foretold that He too would return ([Luke 19:15](#)). When Jesus returns, He will both judge His defectors and His faithful servants. Before ascending to Heaven, following His resurrection, angels announced, "The Son of Man shall..."

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By this we mean speaking to God about God and His wonderful attributes. It is praise expressed by the exclamation, "Praise the Lord" (P.T.L.), or in Hebrew, Hallelujah! Begin each time of prayer as [Psalm 100:4](#) commands: "Enter His courts with praise!" In addition to personal prayer, the believer should participate in corporate prayer. This can take place in a ...

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"I am among you as He that serveth," said our Lord ([Luke 22:27](#)). "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" ([Mark 10:45](#) NASB). The Father said of Him by the mouth of Isaiah, "Behold, my servant" ([Isaiah 42:1](#)). He is the model servant. The Gospel of Mark so presents Him. In the world there is the constant striving for preeminence. The competition is for first place, self-elevation. ...

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A spiritual gift, as distinguished from natural talent (e.g., musical ability) is a special empowerment in the ability to bless and build up God's people (others-directed, not self-exalting). Every believer is given at least one, sometimes more ([I Cor. 12:7-11](#)). Gifts are assigned by God as He desires, not according to what we crave (v. 11). Every gifted person has a proper function in the Body of Christ (the Church) and none is superior to another, only different in function...

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Without a vision for active participation in the life of the local church, this is a Scriptural lack in the disciple's vision. The church is a God-established gathering center for believers as collective members of His family. This goes beyond being simply a separated or individualized member of the general or "universal church," made up of believers from each century of "the church age." New Testament churches received the epistles (letters of the apostles), not var...

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This means exactly what it says. Every successful endeavor, divine or human, ordinarily comes from specific goals or purposes in the minds of those who set them, mentally or preferably in writing. Goals extend from the uttermost good of achieving God's eternal purposes in His Son. When the believer can define his goals in life, he can pursue them "with a single eye." If he chooses to devote his life to the things of the eye and senses in this life, rather tha...

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The believer needs to see his or her life in terms of God's eternal plan for success. He needs a vision for a lost world for whom Christ died (**John 3:16**). He needs a vision to witness diligently, seeing the many on "the road to destruction." He needs a vision for the mission field, beyond the immediate surroundings or even nationalistic narrowness. One can go there personally by God's call or support missionaries by prayer, gifts of money, and letters of en...

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This expression is not common to other languages. It refers to the process of helping newborn babes in Christ (**I Thess 2: 7-12, I Peter 2:2, I Corinthians 3:1**). It may also be needed with those who after their profession of faith in Christ did not receive this help. Doctors who help infants after birth are called pediatricians (baby doctors). Follow-up is "spiritual pediatrics." New babies, physical or spiritual, have several common needs; both need simple initial foods, like milk. Paul ...

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There are a number of steppingstones between a believer's conversion and a mature, fruitful life. We enumerate here 13 steps, with explanatory notes and suggestions on the road to being what Jesus called, a "true disciple." Believers are called to be disciples. How can this be accomplished? There are 13 things that should be laid before each believer who aspires to be a true disciple. Those who assist them should touch on each point. Here is an outline of each of these points. 1...

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This means giving attention to what we should be doing more effectively - as well as helping others. It may involve better devotional times, better prayer life, better time use, improvement in setting daily priorities, more effective witnessing, and character development. We can make a great beginning but not be a strong finisher. The Lord was a strong finisher. He exemplified (**John 17:4**). The apostle Paul also was one who said, "I have finished my course"(**II Tim 4:7**) We must te...

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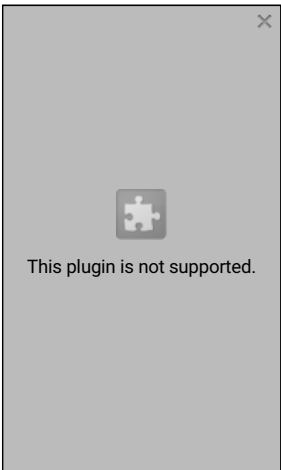
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